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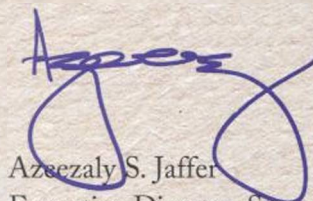
Welcome to the Premier Issue of *The International Collection*. Since it was first introduced as part of *USA Philatelic*, the number of countries' stamps we offer has grown to seven. Customer response has been tremendous, and many people have requested that we include even more countries. To make that possible, we now bring you a separate, distinctive catalog.

For our Premier Issue, we have many exciting new stamp issues from around the world. Australia, Ireland and Canada celebrate their maritime heritage with beautiful issues featuring ships. Ireland and the U.S. honor our shared histories with a joint issue commemorating the historic emigration of people from Ireland to the U.S.

In this issue we're also unveiling the first stamps in Great Britain's Millennium Stamp Collection. Over the next two years, British stamps will commemorate significant aspects of British life. You can order the first two issues in the series, the Inventors' Tale and the Travellers' Tale. This is also the first opportunity to order the 1998 Annual Collections and yearbooks from several countries.

Ordering stamps from the catalog is easy. Just complete the order form and call 1 800 STAMP-24, or fax the order form to 1-816-545-1212. We hope you enjoy adding the latest stamps from around the world to your collection.

Sincerely,



Azeezaly S. Jaffer
Executive Director, Stamp Services



WHAT'S NEW AROUND THE WORLD?



Canada/Australia—Marco Polo Souvenir Sheet

Built in New Brunswick, the Marco Polo was the most famous of the square-rigged vessels taking people from England to Australia. The souvenir sheet features a new Canadian Marco Polo stamp, along with an Australian stamp from the 1998 Maritime Heritage Series (see back cover).

Shown at 65%



Australia—Sailing Ships

Four sailing ships that played a significant role in Australia's history. To be launched at the Australia 99 World Stamp Expo (see page 4).



Great Britain—Millennium Collection, Presentation Packs

Travellers' Tale and Inventors' Tale, the first two issues of a special numbered collection of stamps honoring the British past, present and future (see page 8).

Shown at 75%



Shown at 80%



Ireland/US—Joint Issue

A special joint issue commemorating the immigration of millions of Irish into the US. See page 12 and back cover.



Ireland—Titanic Mini Sheet

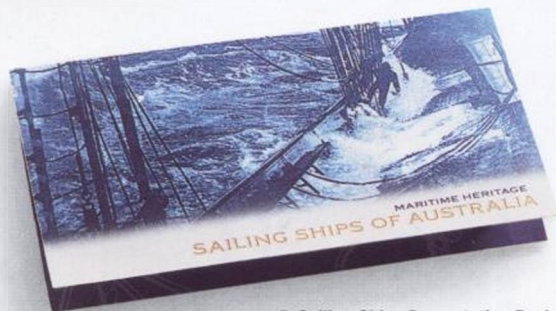
The ill-fated Titanic, built in Belfast, is launched again on an Irish stamp. Part of the Maritime Heritage Series, a special overprinted mini sheet will be issued for the Australia 99 World Stamp Expo (see page 12).

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Australia



A Sailing Ships Presentation Pack

A Sailing Ships. To celebrate its maritime heritage, Australia has issued four new stamps featuring sailing ships that have played key roles in the country's history—the Polly Woodside, the Alma Doepel, the Enterprize and the Lady Nelson. Designed by Beth McKinlay, they will be launched at the Australia 99 World Stamp Expo with a special tab on the Polly Woodside stamp.

A. NEW! Sailing Ships

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/19/99*

Presentation Pack (4 Stamps)	\$2.60	820908
45c Polly Woodside, Pane of 20	6.20	820909
45c Polly Woodside, Block of 4	1.25	820910
85c Alma Doepel, Pane of 50	29.25	820911
85c Alma Doepel, Block of 4	2.35	820912
\$1 Enterprize, Pane of 50	34.40	820913
\$1 Enterprize, Block of 4	2.75	820914
\$1.05 Lady Nelson, Pane of 50	36.10	820915
\$1.05 Lady Nelson, Block of 4	2.90	820916

B. NEW! Greetings: Romance

DATE OF ISSUE: 2/4/99

45c Gutter Strip of 10 Stamps	\$3.10	820905
45c Pane of 50	15.50	820906
45c Block of 4	1.25	820907

C. NEW! Year of the Rabbit (Christmas Island)

DATE OF ISSUE: 1/14/99

45c Gutter Strip of 10 Stamps	\$3.10	820901
45c Mini Sheet (2 Designs)	.65	820902
45c Pane of 50	15.50	820903
45c Block of 4 (2 Se-tenant Pairs)	1.25	820904

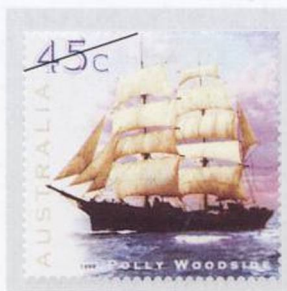
*Preorders taken until date of issue.

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Glossary

Gutter Strip: Found on many Australian stamps, these are the center areas between the panes containing printer's markings or decorative illustrations.

Shown at 115%



Shown at 40%



B Greetings: Romance. To celebrate Valentine's Day, a red rose design from first-time designer Nicole Bryant. Panes feature a decorative gutter strip.

C Year of the Rabbit. The symbol of longevity, the rabbit is the fifth animal in the Chinese Zodiac. Designed by Luis Chiang, the Australian Lunar New Year stamp depicts the rabbit and the moon, along with a Chinese text in gold foil, and is available with a decorative gutter strip. The stamp was issued on Christmas Island, a tiny island in the Indian Ocean that has been an Australian territory since 1958.



C Year of the Rabbit Mini Sheet



D 1998 Annual Collection. Catch up on the past year in Australian stamps. The 1998 Annual Collection features all stamps issued during the year. This beautifully illustrated book is a unique record of Australia's history through stamps.

D. 1998 Annual Collection

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/2/98

Deluxe Edition

\$36.00 820827

E. Christmas

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/2/98

Presentation Pack (3 Stamps)

\$1.55 820820

40c Block of 4

1.10 820821

40c Pane of 50

13.60 820822

45c Block of 4

1.25 820823

45c Pane of 50

15.30 820824

\$1 Block of 4

2.75 820825

\$1 Pane of 50

34.00 820826

F. Butterflies of Australia

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/3/98

45c Sheetlet of 10

(5 Se-tenant Designs)

\$3.05 820813

NOTE: Denominations on stamps in Australian currency. Pricing for each item is based on evaluation of currency rates in effect at the time new items are introduced in the catalog. International collection items are limited in quantity. Order early to avoid disappointment.

PHILATELIC FACTS

The world's largest stamp.

In 1913-1914, China issued an express mail stamp that measured 210 X 65 mm (9.8" x 2.8").

Shown at 90%



Shown at 70%



E Christmas. A colorful, contemporary treatment of the traditional Christmas story: the Nativity scene, Mary and Joseph traveling to Bethlehem, and the Three Kings who paid homage to the newborn child.



Shown at 70%



Shown at 95%



F Butterflies of Australia Sheetlet. Some 400 species of butterflies have been recorded in Australia, several of which are captured on this brilliantly colored se-tenant sheetlet.



A. NEW! Year of the Rabbit

DATE OF ISSUE: 1/8/99

95¢ Souvenir Sheet (1 Stamp)	\$7.00	801910
95¢ Overprinted Souvenir Sheet	.70	801911
46¢ Pane of 25 (1 Design)	8.20	801912
46¢ Block of 4	1.35	801913

B. NEW! Birds

DATE OF ISSUE: 2/24/99

46¢ Pane of 20 (4 Designs)	\$6.60	801914
46¢ Self-Adhesive Booklet of 12 (4 Designs)	3.95	801915

C. NEW! Christmas Angels

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/6/98

45¢ Pane of 50	\$16.05	801903
45¢ Block of 4	1.30	801904
52¢ Pane of 50	18.55	801905
52¢ Block of 4	1.50	801906
90¢ Pane of 50	32.05	801907
90¢ Block of 4	2.60	801908

D. NEW! 1998 Quarter IV Stamp Pack

(Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/6/98

Stamps issued Oct-Dec	\$6.05	801909
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Stamps include: Maple Leaf (Single Self-Adhesive Coil Stamp), Circus (4 Stamps), John Humphrey (Single Stamp), Loon (Single Stamp), Polar Bear (Single Stamp), Naval Vessels (2 Stamps), Christmas Angels (3 Stamps)

E. NEW! Naval Vessels

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/4/98

45¢ Pane of 20 (2 Se-tenant Designs)	\$6.45	801901
45¢ Block of 4	1.30	801902

F. Loon (Definitive)

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/27/98

\$1 Pane of 16 (1 Design)	\$11.40	801917
\$1 Block of 4	2.85	801834

G. Polar Bear (Definitive)

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/27/98

\$2 Pane of 16 (1 Design)	\$22.80	801916
\$2 Block of 4	5.70	801835

H. 1998 Quarter III Stamp Pack (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/30/98

Stamps issued July-September	\$9.65	801832
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Stamps include: RCMP (2 Stamps), William Roue (Single Stamp), Scenic Highways (Block of 4), Automatistes (7 Stamps), Legendary Canadians (Block of 4), Masterpieces (Single Stamp), Housing (9 Stamps) and University of Ottawa (Single Stamp)

J. 1998 Quarter II Stamp Pack (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/30/98

Stamps issued April-June	\$6.65	801820
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Stamps include: Fishing Flies, Map Stamp, Sumo, Canals, Health Professionals, ATM Stamp and Mining

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A Year of the Rabbit. To commemorate the Lunar New Year, Canada is issuing a Souvenir Sheet featuring the Rabbit, surrounded by all twelve animals in the Lunar Zodiac. Designed by Ken Fung, the sheet was illustrated by Ken Koo with calligraphy by Quint Li.

Shown at 75%



Shown at 60%



Shown at 70%



C Christmas Angels. To celebrate the Holidays, a new series featuring early North American works of religious art. The three stamps feature Eighteenth Century sculptures from Quebec.

Shown at 55%



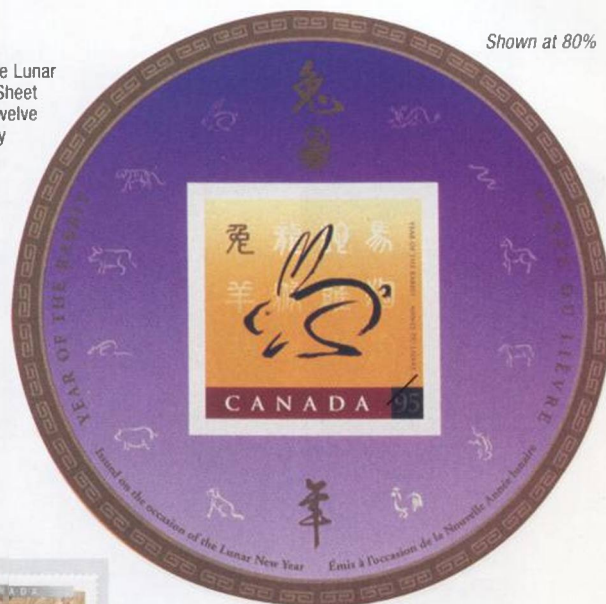
F Loon. A definitive stamp of the Common Loon, beautifully portrayed by painter Robert Ralph Carmichael, artist for the \$1.00 Canadian coin.

Shown at 55%



G Polar Bear. Brent Townsend, artist for the \$2.00 Canadian coin, transforms the polar bear into an attractive definitive stamp.

Shown at 80%



B Birds. Four new domestic rate stamps in the Birds of Canada series. The new arrivals are the Northern Goshawk, Red-winged Blackbird, American Goldfinch and Sandhill Crane. Issue is also available as a self-adhesive booklet.

Shown at 70%



E Naval Vessels. Canada commemorates its naval forces with two new domestic rate stamps featuring the HMCS Sackville and HMCS Shawinigan.

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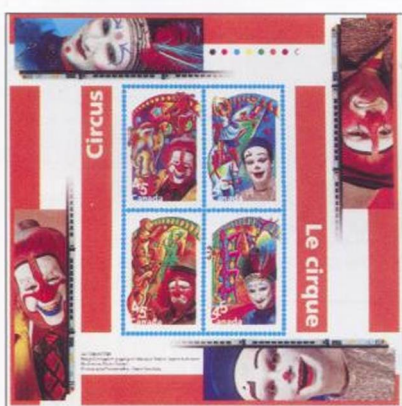
K Scenic Highways. The second installment in the three-year Scenic Highways series offers four distinct Canadian panoramic scenes from four provinces and territories: Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Yukon, and Alberta.

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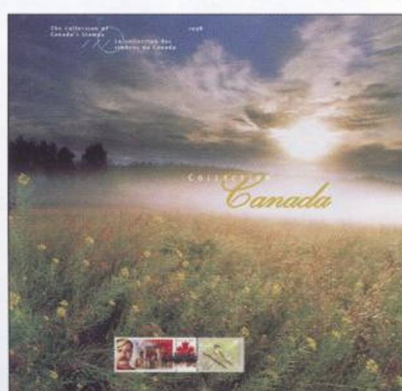


L Sumo. In commemoration of Canada's first sumo-basho tournament held in Vancouver. Stamps capture the two faces of sumo—competition and ceremony.

Shown at 40%

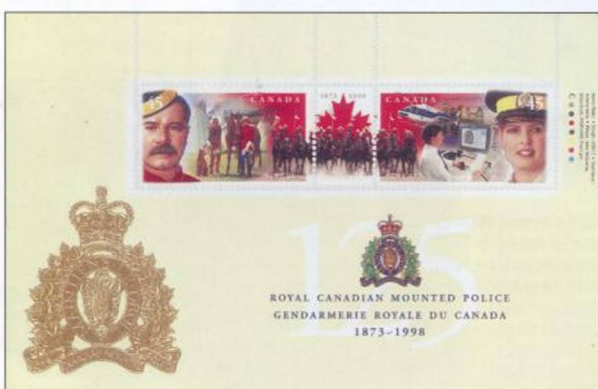


M Circus Souvenir Sheet. Spotlighting the many colorful faces of the circus, with big-tent action as a backdrop.



N 1998 Annual Collection. An attractive compilation of 1998 Canadian stamp issues. Hardbound.

Shown at 50%



P RCMP Souvenir Sheet. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, known for their colorful uniforms, are honored with two stamp designs on a decorated Souvenir Sheet.



Q Health Professionals. Healthcare professionals are lauded with an impressive stamp issue; features special gold foil stamping, giving the serpent a shimmering three-dimensional look.

K. Scenic Highways

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/28/98

45¢ Pane of 20 (4 Designs) \$6.45 801826

45¢ Block of 4 1.30 801827

L. Sumo

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/5/98

45¢ Pane of 20 (2 Designs) \$6.05 801815

45¢ Block of 4 1.20 801814

45¢ Souvenir Sheet (2 Stamps) .60 801816

M. Circus

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/1/98

45¢ Booklet of 12 (4 Designs) \$3.85 801828

45¢ Souvenir Sheet (4 Stamps) 1.30 801829

N. 1998 Annual Collection

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/6/98

Deluxe Hardbound Edition \$32.05 801833

P. RCMP

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/3/98

45¢ Pane of 20 (2 Designs) \$6.05 801822

45¢ Block of 4 1.20 801821

45¢ Souvenir Sheet (2 Stamps) .60 801823

Q. Health Professionals

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/25/98

45¢ Pane of 16 (1 Design) \$4.85 801819

45¢ Block of 4 1.20 801818

R. William Roue (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/24/98

45¢ Pane of 25 (1 Design) \$7.55 801825

45¢ Block of 4 1.20 801824

S. Canada 1997 Collection (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/6/97

Deluxe Hardbound Edition \$33.70 803702

PHILATELIC FACTS

The world's smallest stamp.

In 1863-1866, the Colombian department of Bolivar issued stamps that measured only 8 x 9.5 mm (.32" x .37").

For more information about Canadian stamps and stamp products, please write to the following address:

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CANADA

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Great Britain

A. NEW! Inventors' Tale

DATE OF ISSUE: 1/12/99

Presentation Pack (4 Stamps)	\$3.25	804901
20p Timekeeping, Pane of 100	34.75	804902
20p Timekeeping, Block of 4	1.40	804903
26p Steam Power, Pane of 100	45.20	804904
26p Steam Power, Block of 4	1.85	804905
43p Photography, Pane of 100	74.70	804906
43p Photography, Block of 4	3.00	804907
63p Computers, Pane of 100	109.45	804908
63p Computers, Block of 4	4.40	804909

B. NEW! Travellers' Tale

DATE OF ISSUE: 2/2/99

Presentation Pack (4 Stamps)	\$3.25	804910
20p Jet Travel, Pane of 100	34.75	804911
20p Jet Travel, Block of 4	1.40	804912
26p Liberation by Bike, Pane of 100	45.20	804913
26p Liberation by Bike, Block of 4	1.85	804914
43p Linking the Nation, Pane of 100	74.70	804915
43p Linking the Nation, Block of 4	3.00	804916
63p Cook's Endeavour, Pane of 100	109.45	804917
63p Cook's Endeavour, Block of 4	4.40	804918

C. NEW! 1998 Year Book

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/2/98

Limited Edition, Hardbound	\$41.60	804885
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D. NEW! 1998 Year Pack

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/2/98

Annual Collection of Stamps	\$31.20	804884
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E. Carnival

DATE OF ISSUE: 8/25/98

Presentation Pack (4 Stamps)	\$2.75	804852
20p Pane of 100	33.95	804853
20p Block of 4	1.40	804854
26p Pane of 100	44.15	804855
26p Block of 4	1.80	804856
43p Pane of 100	73.00	804857
43p Block of 4	2.95	804858
63p Pane of 100	106.95	804859
63p Block of 4	4.30	804860

F. 1997 Year Pack (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/13/97

Annual Collection of Stamps	\$27.60	811701
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G. 1997 Year Book (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/13/97

Limited Edition, Hardbound	\$40.65	811702
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The Millennium Collection.

To celebrate the Millennium, Britain's Royal Mail is departing from tradition and will issue a special collection through January 2001. Four stamps will be issued every month in 1999 building to one large collection of 48 sequentially numbered stamps. The 1999 issues will commemorate the past 1,000 years of British achievement; the years 2000 and 2001 will highlight the present and the future.

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A Inventors' Tale

Shown at 60%



B Travellers' Tale

You can order the first two issues of the Royal Mail's Millennium Collection here. Inventors' Tale commemorates inventions—timekeeping, steam power, photography and computers—while the Travellers' Tale features four modes of transport, from bicycles to jet aircraft.



C 1998 Year Book

The British year in stamps. The **Year Book** presents all stamps issued in 1998, in a hardbound, lavishly illustrated keepsake book. The **Year Pack** contains the stamps ready for adding to your collection.



D 1998 Year Pack

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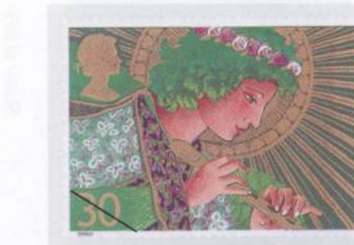
E Carnival. A set of four stamps issued as Royal Mail's contribution to the "Europa Theme" of National Festivals, featuring scenes from the Notting Hill Carnival, a London "street party" resounding with Caribbean costumes, cuisine and steel bands.

Shown at 60%



H Magical Worlds. Playfully illustrated stamps celebrate the wealth of British fantasy literature with characters from *The Hobbit*; *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*; *The Phoenix and the Carpet*; *The Borrowers* and *Through the Looking Glass*.

Shown at 60%



J Christmas. Graceful portraits of angels, delicately illustrated on five holiday stamps.

Shown at 65%



K Speed. A five-stamp set issued to commemorate Great British Land Speed Records and mark the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Malcolm Campbell, inductee into the Motorsports Hall of Fame.

Glossary

Prestige Booklet: A booklet containing facts and photographs associated with the stamp subject, interspersed with as many as four panes of stamps. The price of the booklet is usually equal to the face value of the stamps.



K Speed Prestige Booklet

H. Magical Worlds

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/21/98

Presentation Pack (5 Stamps)	\$3.85	804851
20p Pane of 100	33.95	804841
20p Block of 4	1.40	804842
26p Pane of 100	44.15	804843
26p Block of 4	1.80	804844
37p Pane of 100	62.80	804845
37p Block of 4	2.55	804846
43p Pane of 100	73.00	804847
43p Block of 4	2.95	804848
63p Pane of 100	106.95	804849
63p Block of 4	4.30	804850

J. Christmas

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/2/98

Presentation Pack (5 Stamps)	\$3.75	804872
20p Pane of 100	33.95	804873
20p Block of 4	1.40	804874
26p Pane of 100	44.15	804875
26p Block of 4	1.80	804876
30p Pane of 100	50.95	804877
30p Block of 4	2.05	804878
43p Pane of 100	73.00	804879
43p Block of 4	2.95	804880
63p Pane of 100	106.95	804881
63p Block of 4	4.30	804882

K. Speed

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/29/98

Presentation Pack (5 Stamps)	\$3.85	804861
20p Pane of 100	33.95	804862
20p Block of 4	1.40	804863
26p Pane of 100	44.15	804864
26p Block of 4	1.80	804865
30p Pane of 100	50.95	804866
30p Block of 4	2.05	804867
43p Pane of 100	73.00	804868
43p Block of 4	2.95	804869
63p Pane of 100	106.95	804870
63p Block of 4	4.30	804871

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Prestige Booklet	\$10.45	804883
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Israel



A. Festivals-1998 Holy Ark Curtains

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NIS 1.15 Pane of 15	\$4.50	817810
NIS 1.15 Tab Block of 4 Stamps	1.20	817811
NIS 1.80 Pane of 15	7.05	817812
NIS 1.80 Tab Block of 4 Stamps	1.88	817813
NIS 2.20 Pane of 15	8.55	817814
NIS 2.20 Tab Block of 4 Stamps	2.28	817815

B. Hanukka Collection

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Collection to include:

First Candle (NIS .90) 12/9/93, Second Candle (NIS 1.30) 12/9/93, Third Candle (NIS 2.00) 12/9/93, Fourth Candle (NIS 1.50) 11/27/94, Fifth Candle (NIS 1.50) 12/14/95, Sixth Candle (NIS 2.10) 12/23/97, Seventh Candle (NIS 1.80) 12/23/97, Eighth Candle (NIS 2.20) 12/1/98

Special Set of 8 Stamps issued '93-98. \$4.15 817808

C. 1997 Yearbook of Stamp Issues

Yearbook \$35.00 817801

D. Catalogue 13

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Comprehensive Catalog of Israel's Stamp Issues (Hebrew and English) \$35.00 817809

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Note: We regret that, due to difficulties beyond the control of the Israel Postal Authority, we are unable to offer new stamps and postal products at this time.

Glossary

Tab: A distinctive feature of Israeli stamp design is the tab, the detachable lower border of the stamp sheet which has designs or inscriptions relating to the subject on the stamp.

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ISRAEL

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A Festivals-1998 Holy Ark Curtains. Intricate renderings of Holy Ark curtains in synagogues in Israel, reminiscent of those that separated the inner area of the Tent of the Congregation in the first Holy Temple from the Holy Ark, where the Ten Commandments were located. Each is available as a pane of 15 or as a "tab" block of four.

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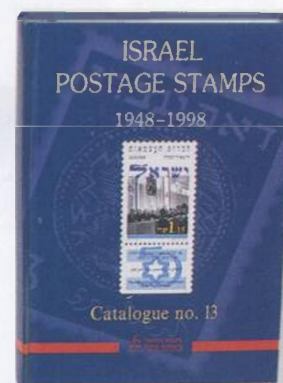


B Hanukka Collection. A series of eight Hanukka issues representing the eight days of the Festival of Lights—one stamp issued each year, starting in December 1993. Each features objects associated with Israel, an illustration of a Hanukka lamp with candles, and an additional candle lit to represent each successive day of the Festival. Distinctive border "tabs" enhance the beauty of each stamp and detail the objects depicted.



C 1997 Yearbook of Stamp Issues.

A stunning collection of stamps issued in 1997, offering complete background on each stamp.

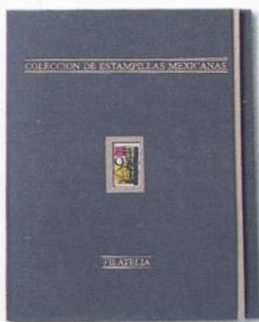


D Catalogue 13. A chronological listing of Israel's stamps issued between 1948 and 1998, and the facts and figures of each, including the day of issue, method of printing and designer.

A view of Jerusalem, with David's Tower and the Citadel.



Mexico



A 1998 Year Collection.
All of Mexico's stamps for 1998, presented in a beautiful keepsake folder.

Shown at 65%



B Conservation - El Aguila Real.
To draw attention to conservation, a stamp featuring the Royal Eagle, symbol of strength and of the triumph of good over evil.

Shown at 65%



C Nishizawa. Luis Nishizawa Flores was awarded the 1997 Prize for the Plastic Arts. The son of a Japanese father and Mexican mother, he uses Asian elements in his work.

A. NEW! 1998 Year Collection

DATE OF ISSUE: 1/99

Year Collection \$25.00 814832

B. NEW! Conservation - El Aguila Real

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/13/98

\$2.30 Pane of 25 \$7.20 814826

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.15 814827

C. NEW! Nishizawa

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/9/98

\$2.30 Pane of 25 \$7.20 814824

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.15 814825

D. NEW! Motivos Navideños

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/17/98

\$2.30 Three Kings, Pane of 50 \$14.35 814828

\$2.30 Three Kings, Block of 4 1.15 814829

\$3.40 Piñata, Pane of 50 21.20 814830

\$3.40 Piñata, Block of 4 1.70 814831

E. NEW! XVI Marathon International

DATE OF ISSUE: 8/19/98

\$3.40 Pane of 50 \$21.20 814822

\$3.40 Block of 4 1.70 814823

F. Opening of the Philatelic Museum in Oaxaca

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/9/98

\$3.40 Gold Chest Plate, Pane of 25 \$10.60 814818

\$3.40 Gold Chest Plate, Block of 4 1.70 814819

\$3.40 El Camino, Pane of 25 10.60 814820

\$3.40 El Camino, Block of 4 1.70 814821

G. Creatures of the Sea

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/7/98

\$2.30 Pane of 25 \$7.20 814812

H. Centennial of Philippine Independence

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/3/98

\$3.40 Pane of 50 \$21.20 814816

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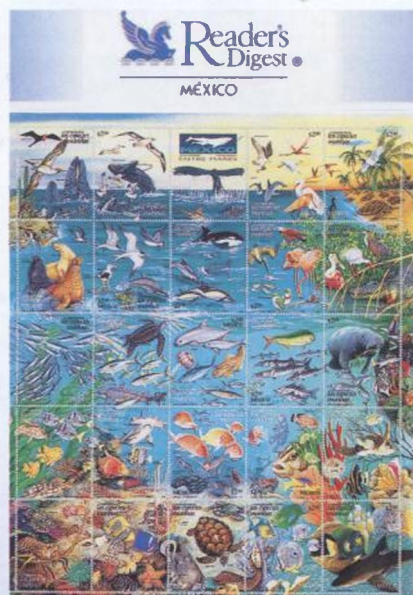
D Motivos Navideños. To celebrate Christmas 1998, Mexico is issuing its first self-adhesive stamps ever. The two stamps feature a piñata and the Three Wise Kings.

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E XVI Marathon. Mexico commemorates the physical arts with a stamp featuring the sixteenth International Marathon in Mexico City, in which there were 36,000 entrants.

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G Creatures of the Sea. Deep-sea illustrations across a pane of 25 stamps raise awareness of endangered sea creatures.

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F Opening of Philatelic Museum. To commemorate the opening of the Philatelic Museum in Oaxaca. Stamp above features a Gold Chest Plate from a grave in Monte Alban, the other features El Camino, a painting by Francisco Toledo.

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H Centennial of Philippine Independence. In recognition of Mexico's part in the new country's development a century ago.



Ireland

A. NEW! Maritime Heritage

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/19/99*

Polly Woodside Presentation Pack (Contains Irish/Australian Joint Issue Mini Sheet—shown on back cover)	\$2.40	807905
Polly Woodside Mini Sheet (Shown on back cover)	.85	807920
Titanic Presentation Pack (Contains Titanic Mini Sheet)	4.75	807906
Titanic Mini Sheet	3.15	807907
Australia 99 Titanic Overprint Mini Sheet	3.15	807908
30p Polly Woodside, Sheet of 16	7.55	807910
30p Polly Woodside, Block of 4	1.90	807911
35p Ilan, Sheet of 16	8.80	807912
35p Ilan, Block of 4	2.20	807913
45p RNLI, Sheet of 16	11.35	807914
45p RNLI, Block of 4	2.85	807915
£1 Titanic, Sheet of 16	25.15	807916
£1 Titanic, Block of 4	6.30	807917

B. NEW! Irish Emigration

DATE OF ISSUE: 2/26/99*

Irish Emigration Presentation Pack	\$2.40	807921
45p Irish Emigration, Pane of 16	11.35	807922
45p Irish Emigration, Block of 4	2.85	807923

C. NEW! Lunar Year of the Rabbit

DATE OF ISSUE: 1/26/99

Presentation Pack (3 Stamps)	\$4.75	807902
Mini Sheet of 3 Designs	1.45	807903

D. NEW! Postboxes

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/3/98

30p 4 Designs, Se-tenant Pane of 12	\$5.70	807901
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E. NEW! 1998 Year Book

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/17/98

Hardbound	\$47.10	807919
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F. NEW! 1998 Year Collection

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/17/98

1998 Year Collection	\$28.20	807918
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G. 1997 Year Book (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 12/6/97

Limited Edition, Hardbound	\$46.70	808702
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*Preorders taken until date of issue.

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Titanic Mini Sheet

Maritime Heritage

A Maritime Heritage. To celebrate its maritime heritage, Ireland is issuing four stamps featuring famous ships that have played a part in Irish history—the Polly Woodside, the Ilan, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and the Titanic.

A special Presentation Pack featuring a mini sheet with the Australian and Irish Polly Woodside stamps will be issued in celebration of Australia 99 World Stamp Expo. And there's also an individual Titanic Presentation Pack and a special overprinted Mini Sheet issued for Australia 99.



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B Irish Emigration. A new issue commemorating the millions of Irish who emigrated from Ireland to the US. This stamp, a joint issue with the US, features a typical emigrant ship. (See back cover for more joint issue information.)

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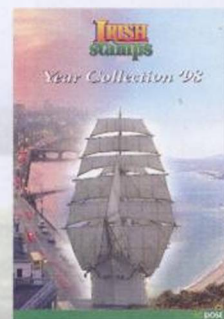
C Year of the Rabbit Mini Sheet. Ireland celebrates the Lunar New Year with a stamp featuring the rabbit, the fifth animal in the Chinese Zodiac. Stamps have whimsical depictions of the rabbit, who is the symbol of longevity and was believed to live on the moon.



D Irish Postboxes. These four postboxes tell the country's postal history—from the ornate pillar boxes of the Victorian era, painted green at Independence, to the early postboxes of the Irish Free State. Available only as a decorated se-tenant pane of 12.

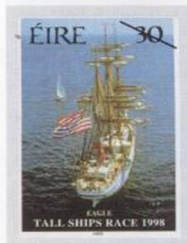
E Year Book 1998.

The full year in Irish stamps. The Year Book is a beautifully illustrated hardcover book, containing the full complement of the year's stamps.

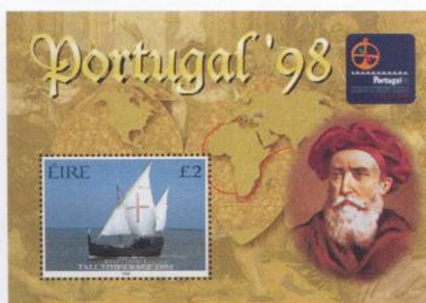


F 1998 Year Collection. The full year in commemorative stamps, ready to be added to your collection.

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Shown at 55%



H Cutty Sark Tall Ships. Ships from four countries competed in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race, which finished in Dublin. A special Souvenir Mini Sheet featuring Vasco da Gama was issued to Celebrate Portugal '98 International Stamp Show.

H. Tall Ships Race

DATE OF ISSUE: 7/20/98

Presentation Pack (4 Stamps)	\$4.35	807828
Souvenir Mini Sheet (Vasco da Gama)	2.90	807829
30p Asgard II & Eagle, Se-tenant Sheet of 40	17.35	807833
30p Asgard II & Eagle, Se-tenant Block of 4	1.75	807834
45p Boa Esperanza, Sheet of 50	32.55	807835
45p Boa Esperanza, Block of 4	2.60	807836
£1 Royalist, Sheet of 50	72.30	807837
£1 Royalist, Block of 4	5.80	807838
*Commemorative Booklet	3.85	807830

J. Christmas Choir (Self-Adhesive)

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/17/98

30p Booklet of 20	\$7.80	807855
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K. Christmas

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/17/98

30p Pane of 50	\$21.70	807849
30p Block of 4	1.75	807850
32p Pane of 50	23.15	807851
32p Block of 4	1.85	807852
45p Pane of 50	32.55	807853
45p Block of 4	2.60	807854

L. Endangered Animals

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/8/98

Presentation Pack (Contains Mini Sheet)	\$4.35	807839
Mini Sheet	2.20	807840
30p Cheetah & 30p Scimitar-Horned Oryx, Se-tenant Sheet of 40	17.35	807841
30p Cheetah & 30p Scimitar-Horned Oryx, Se-tenant Block of 4	1.75	807842
40p Golden-lion Tamarin, Sheet of 50	28.95	807845
40p Golden-lion Tamarin, Block of 4	2.35	807846
45p Tiger, Sheet of 50	32.55	807847
45p Tiger, Block of 4	2.60	807848

M. Tour de France

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/2/98

Presentation Pack (Contains Strip of 4)	\$4.35	807856
30p Sheetlet of 16	6.95	807826
30p Sheetlet of 16 (Strip of 4)	1.75	807827

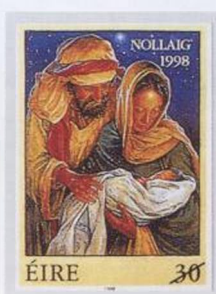
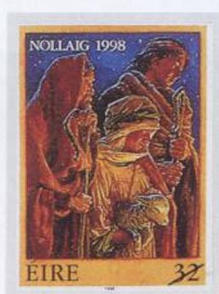
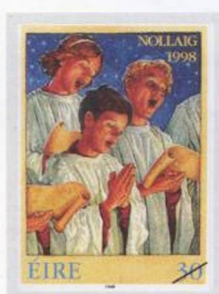
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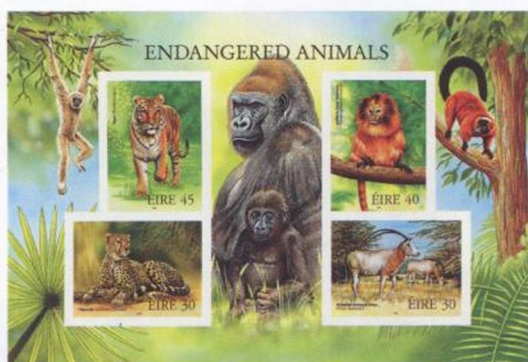
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J Christmas Choir (Self-adhesive). A Christmastime choir in traditional surplices.

K Christmas. Scenes from the yuletide: the Adoration of the Shepherds, the Holy Family, and the Adoration of the Magi.

Shown at 45%



L Endangered Animals Mini Sheet. The Tiger, the Cheetah, the Golden-lion Tamarin and the Scimitar-Horned Oryx—four species bred in Ireland as part of International Breeding Programmes—are recognized on four life-like stamps, beautifully laid out on a Mini Sheet.

Glossary

Mini Sheet: A single stamp, or block of stamps, with a margin on all sides bearing some special wording or design.

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M Tour de France. An action-packed se-tenant strip of four on this major international sporting event which included Ireland in its 1998 route.



United Nations

New York

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Geneva

Shown at 55%



Vienna

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A. NEW! Schönbrunn Castle

DATE OF ISSUE: 12/4/98

33c New York, Pane of 20	\$6.60	811901
60c New York, Pane of 20	12.00	811904
F.s. 0.70 Geneva, Pane of 20	9.50	811902
F.s. 1.10 Geneva, Pane of 20	14.90	811905
S 3.50 Vienna, Pane of 20	5.65	811903
S 7 Vienna, Pane of 20	11.30	811906

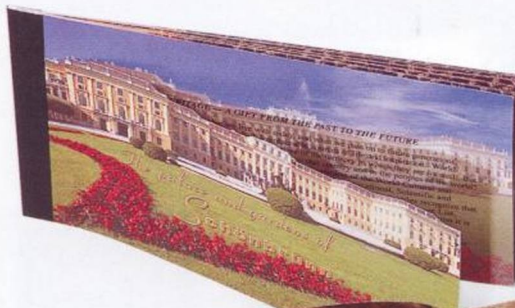
New York Prestige Booklet	\$2.80	811907
Geneva Prestige Booklet	2.65	811908
Vienna Prestige Booklet	2.70	811909

B. Rainforests

DATE OF ISSUE: 6/19/98

\$2.00 New York, Pane of 20	\$6.40	811816
F.s. 3.00 Geneva, Pane of 20	9.50	811817
S 22 Vienna, Pane of 20	10.50	811818

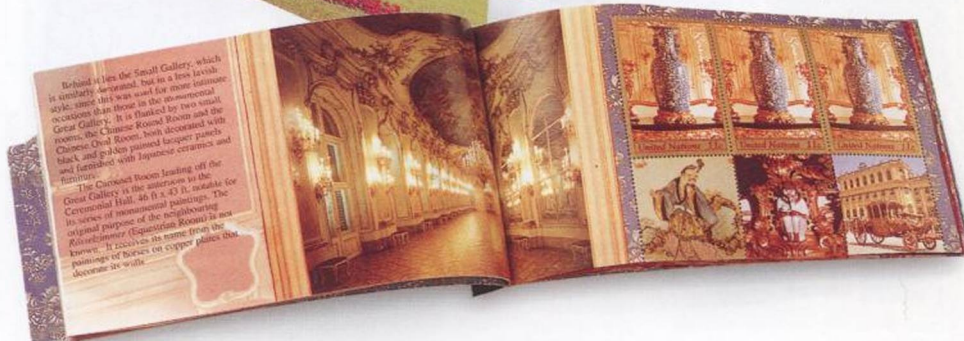
New York Souvenir Sheet	\$2.00	811819
Geneva Souvenir Sheet	2.05	811820
Vienna Souvenir Sheet	1.80	811821



A Schönbrunn Castle.

The U.N. Postal Administration is issuing a set of six commemoratives on the theme Schönbrunn Castle, a Baroque Masterpiece in Vienna. This is the fourth U.N. stamp issue to illustrate a World Heritage site. Panes are being issued with two different designs in each currency. Each Prestige Booklet features all six designs in different denominations.

A Schönbrunn Castle Prestige Booklet (New York Version)

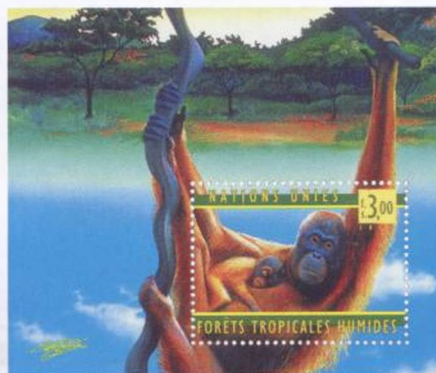


New York

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Geneva



Vienna



B Rainforest Souvenir Sheets. Jaguars, orangutans and ocelots in lush tropical rainforests, illustrated by renowned artist Rick Garcia; commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the World Health Organization. (Stamps also available as full panes.)

New York



Geneva



Vienna



C 50 Years of Peacekeeping. A tribute to the U.N., a catalyst for international cooperation for half a century.

C. 50 Years of Peacekeeping

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/15/98

33c New York, Pane of 20	\$6.60	811822
40c New York, Pane of 20	8.00	811825
F.s. 0.70 Geneva, Pane of 20	9.50	811823
F.s. 0.90 Geneva, Pane of 20	12.20	811826
S 4.00 Vienna, Pane of 20	6.45	811824
S 7.50 Vienna, Pane of 20	12.10	811827

D. 1998 Endangered Species

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/13/98

32c New York, Pane of 16	\$5.12	811809
F.s. 0.80 Geneva, Pane of 16	9.05	811810
S 7 Vienna, Pane of 16	9.15	811811
Souvenir Folder	7.35	811812

E. Terracotta Warriors

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/19/97

New York Booklet	\$1.95	811806
Geneva Booklet	1.70	811807
Vienna Booklet	1.95	811808

New York



Geneva



Vienna



D 1998 Endangered Species Folder.

The sixth annual Endangered Species stamp series from the U.N.; profiles 12 exotic and endangered species from the list of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. (Folder includes individual stamps.)



PHILATELIC FACTS

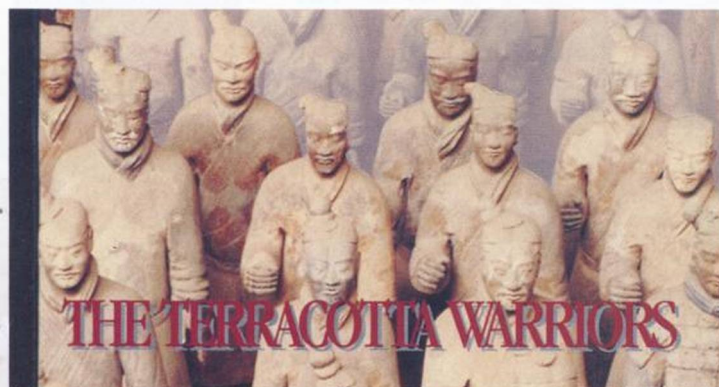
World's lowest denomination.

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E Terracotta Warriors. In honor of the 8,000 sculpted warriors who guard the famous Qin Shi Huang Mausoleum in China. Folder comes with 24 commemorative stamps and prestige booklets in 3 language versions: English, French, and German.



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Australia

A. Australian Orchids

DATE OF ISSUE: 8/6/98

Miniature Sheet (4 Stamps) \$2.40 820802

Presentation Pack (Aus. Stamps and Miniature Sheet) 5.05 820803

Presentation Pack (Aus. and Singaporean Miniature Sheets) 5.05 820804

45c Block of 4 1.25 820805

45c Pane of 50 15.30 820806

85c Block of 4 2.35 820807

85c Pane of 50 28.90 820808

\$1 Block of 4 2.75 820809

\$1 Pane of 50 34.00 820810

\$1.20 Block of 4 3.30 820811

\$1.20 Pane of 50 40.80 820812

B. Bicentenary of Bass & Flinders

DATE OF ISSUE: 9/10/98

Presentation Pack \$.90 820815

45c Block of 4 (2 Se-tenant Designs) 1.25 820816

45c Pane of 50 15.30 820817

C. Planet Ocean

DATE OF ISSUE: 10/1/98

Presentation Pack \$3.95 820819

Mini Sheet of 6 Designs 1.85 820818



Canada

D. Map Stamp

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/29/98

45c Pane of 14 (1 Design) \$4.25 801813

E. Birds of Canada

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/13/98

45c Pane of 20 (4 Designs) \$6.20 801805

45c Block of 4 1.25 801806

F. 1998 Quarter I Stamp Pack (Not Shown)

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/31/98

Stamps issued January-March \$4.95 801807

Stamps include: Lunar New Year (Single Stamp), Provincial Premiers (Souvenir Sheet of 10), Birds of Canada (Block of 4) and Flag Definitive (Single Stamp)

PHILATELIC FACTS

The territory that has issued the fewest stamps.

The Panama Canal Zone has issued only 2 definitives since 1968, and no commemoratives since 1963.

Shown at 80%



A Australian Orchids.

An Australian-Singaporean joint issue offering four blooming beauties—two Australian native orchids and two Singaporean species of orchids.

Shown at 90%



B Bicentenary of Bass & Flinders. Se-tenant pair shown; available only as block of four.

Shown at 70%



C Planet Ocean Mini Sheet. In commemoration of the United Nations' International Year of the Ocean, six marine creatures found in Australian waters.

Shown at 120%



D Map Stamp. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the original penny-postage issue, which allowed Canadians to send letters anywhere in the British Empire at the rate of one British penny—just two cents Canadian. Pane has a unique design with a crown at its center.

Shown at 70%



E Birds of Canada Stamp Series. Four of Canada's most intriguing birds make up the 1998 series—the Great Crested Flycatcher, the Eastern Screech Owl, the Gray-Crowned Rosy-Finch and the Hairy Woodpecker.



Israel

N. 50th Jubilee Presentation Album

DATE OF ISSUE: 5/13/98

Album \$13.00 817802

P. Israel '98 Souvenir Sheet Collection

DATE OF ISSUE: 5/13/98

10 Souvenir Sheets \$16.70 817803

Q. War of Independence Aircraft

DATE OF ISSUE: 5/13/98

*Collector Set \$9.10 817804

NIS 2.20 Sheetlet of 6 Stamps 3.60 817805

*Includes: Sheetlet of 6 Stamps, First Day Cover, Maximum Cards and detailed description of the stamps.

R. Children's Pets

DATE OF ISSUE: 5/13/98

*Collector Set \$2.20 817806

NIS .60 Sheetlet of 6 Stamps 1.00 817807

*Includes: Sheetlet of 6 Stamps, First Day Cover and detailed description of the stamps.



Mexico

S. 150th Anniversary of Birth of Justo Sierra

DATE OF ISSUE: 4/23/98

\$2.30 Pane of 50 \$13.20 814814

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.05 814815

T. World Cup Soccer '98 in France

DATE OF ISSUE: 4/20/98

\$2.30 Pane of 25 \$6.60 814804

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.05 814805

U. 50th Anniversary of the Organization of American States

DATE OF ISSUE: 4/27/98

\$3.40 Pane of 50 \$19.50 814808

\$3.40 Block of 4 1.55 814809

V. International Day of the Woman

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/8/98

\$2.30 Pane of 50 \$13.20 814806

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.05 814807

W. 50th Anniversary of the Military School of Arms

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/1/98

\$2.30 Pane of 50 \$13.20 814810

\$2.30 Block of 4 1.05 814811



N 50th Jubilee Presentation Album

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P "Israel '98" Souvenir Sheet Collection. A handsome collection of Souvenir Sheets, ten in all, featuring the "Israel '98" emblem and "the story behind the stamp" - historical background on each.

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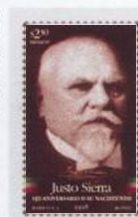
Q War of Independence Aircraft. Three planes that saw combat in the 1948 War of Independence between Israel and its Arab neighbors: the B-17 Flying Fortress, Spitfire and Dragon Rapide.

Shown at 85%



R Children's Pets Sheetlet. Six playful house pets, with special diagonal perforation - allows "Israel '98" emblem to be detached, allowing illustration and denomination to remain intact.

Shown at 65%



S 150th Anniversary of Birth of Justo Sierra

Shown at 55%



T World Cup '98 in France

Shown at 80%



U 50th Anniversary Organization of American States. Founded in 1948, the Organization of American States today has 35 members in the Western Hemisphere.

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V International Day of the Woman. An illustrative stamp that heralds new legislation against domestic violence.

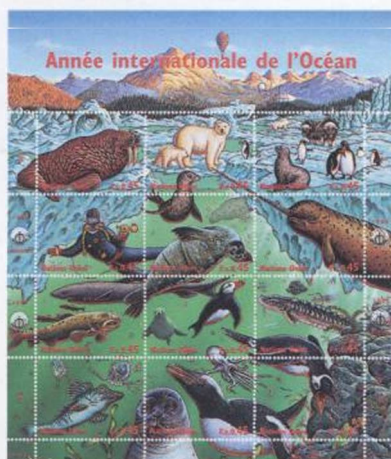
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W 50th Anniversary of the Military School of Arms. Founded in 1948 by President Miguel Valdes, the Military School of Arms provides training for Mexico's armed forces.

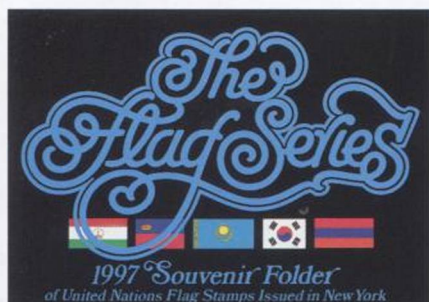
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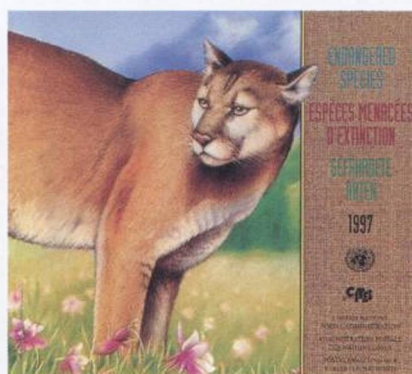


X International Year of the Ocean.

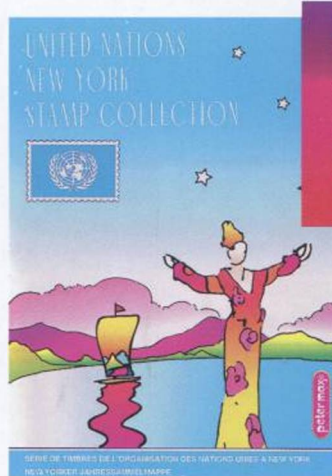
In recognition of the importance of the ocean, the marine environment and its resources for life and Earth, 1998 has been named International Year of the Ocean. Three commemorative sheets—12 stamps each—portray a distinct facet of marine life.



Z 1997 Flag Series. This Souvenir Folder features 8 commemorative stamps in the U.N. Flag Series: Tajikistan, Georgia, Armenia, Namibia, Liechtenstein, Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan and Latvia.



Y 1997 Endangered Species. The fifth year of the United Nations stamp series on Endangered Species includes 12 of the species included in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species for Wild Fauna and Flora.



AA 1997 Annual Collection of Stamps Folder. Includes "The Earth Summit +5" stamps created by artist Peter Max commemorating the U.N. Conference on Environment and Development, Transportation Stamps, Philately and Definitive Stamps and the Terracotta Warriors. Produced in three languages.



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United Nations

X. International Year of the Ocean

DATE OF ISSUE: 5/20/98		
32¢ New York, Pane of 12	\$3.84	811813
F.s. 0,45 Geneva, Pane of 12	3.80	811814
S 3.50 Vienna, Pane of 12	3.45	811815

Y. 1997 Endangered Species

DATE OF ISSUE: 3/13/97		
Souvenir Folder	\$7.35	811805

Z. 1997 Flag Series

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/19/97		
Souvenir Folder	\$3.25	811804

AA. 1997 Annual Collection of Stamps

DATE OF ISSUE: 11/19/97		
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Geneva Version	8.95	811802
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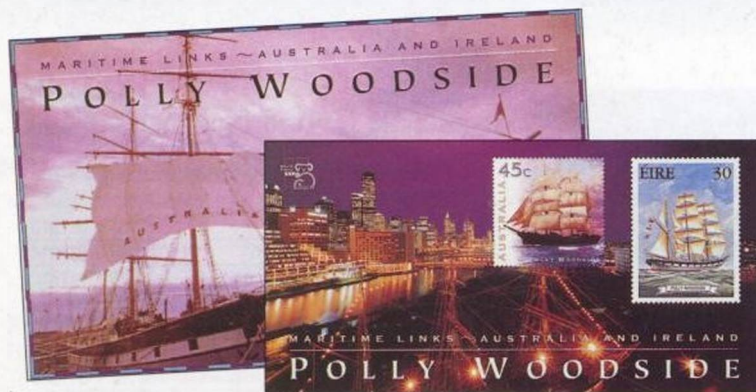
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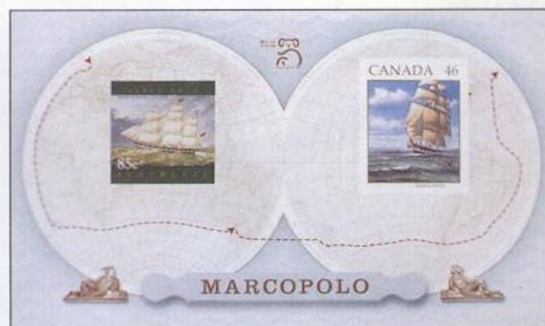
Polly Woodside Presentation Pack. DATE OF ISSUE: 3/19/99*

Australia and Ireland celebrate their shared maritime history with a Presentation Pack, featuring a mini sheet with the Polly Woodside stamp. Built in Belfast, the Polly Woodside is now in the Melbourne Maritime Museum. Issued as part of the Irish Maritime Heritage Series for the Australia 99 World Stamp Expo in March. All other Maritime Heritage issues on page 12.

Polly Woodside Presentation Pack \$2.40 807905

(Contains Irish/Australian joint issue mini sheet)

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Marco Polo Mini Sheet. DATE OF ISSUE: 3/19/99*

Canada and Australia commemorate their maritime links with a Mini Sheet featuring the Marco Polo—a Canadian-built vessel that took emigrants to Australia.

Marco Polo Mini Sheet \$.90 801918

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Irish Emigration



Irish Emigration Pane

Ireland/US—Joint Issue. DATE OF ISSUE: 2/26/99*

Over the past three centuries, millions of Irish crossed the Atlantic to find a better life in America. The joint issue commemorates those millions with a stamp featuring a typical emigrant ship.

Shown at 75%



US Irish Immigration

Irish Emigration

Irish Emigration Presentation Pack \$2.40 807921

45p Irish Emigration, Pane of 16 11.35 807922

45p Irish Emigration, Block of 4 2.85 807923

US Irish Immigration

33c Irish Immigration, Pane of 20 w/plate no. \$6.60 441640

Irish Immigration, Joint First Day Cover 1.26 441662

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